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Jena (M 51/J 61), returned from a troop training grounds. Trucks, which were seen hauling ammunition boxes and billeting equipment to the barracks installation from a boxcar train at the Saale railroad station,

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The trucks were driven by soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. About 35 tanks, and 3 artillery pieces of about 122-mm were seen in the billeting area on 25 October. Ten soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia were seen at the C Gate on 26 October. About half of the barracks buildings were fully lighted and the others about 60 percent lighted on the evening of 27 October. A column of about 300 troops was seen marching into a decorated hall on 7 November. Vehicles observed at the installation between 28 October and 10 November driven by soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia.

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3. On the evening of 27 October, most of the windows of the main building of the Thueringer Ackerbauschule on Naumburgerstrasse were lighted. The other school buildings were dilapidated and appeared uninhabited. (2)

4. Sentries observed at two barracks buildings and at a long garage at Jena-Roedigen airfield on 16 October wore red-bordered black epaulets. Vehicles observed on 31 October included: about 60 trucks in the aforementioned garage; and trucks driven along the road by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Local residents said that the Jena-Voigtholz forest was placed off limits, marked by caution signs and strictly guarded by military sentries. (3)

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5. On 31 October, 3 SU-100 SP guns and 3 JS-2 tanks were seen at the Steiger drill ground north of Zwaetzen.

6. Six light AA guns were observed to be emplaced on Bulzaer Berg (hill) east of Maua, 6 km south of Jena, on 17 October. About 10 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and 7 trucks

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_____ were observed at the gun emplacements. A unit of 100 to 150 men was seen nearby. Sentries observed at the tank firing range about 1.5 km southwest of Maua on 17 October wore red-bordered black epaulets. (h)

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7. Military vehicles observed in the streets of Jena included

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_____ driven by a soldier wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia; and _____ driven by a soldier wearing red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia. (1)

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8. On 28 October, local residents said that the houses on Stifterstrasse, Jena-Lobstedt, were cleared of German civilians in order to furnish quarters for troops from the Zwaetzen Kaserne. (5) Troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia and tank _____ were seen in the Zwaetzen Kaserne on 31 October. All quarters of the installation were lighted on that evening.

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_____ Comments.

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(1) The information indicates that the majority of the component units of the 20th Gds Mecz Div returned to the barracks installations by the _____ information was received from Meitz. _____ Corresponding

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(2) _____ that the Ackerbau _____ Kommandantura of Lobstedt in February 1951. _____

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(3) The buildings are believed to pertain to the former German airfield north of Jena-Zwaetzen. This is the first time they have been reported as quartering Soviet troops. The vehicles observed there belong to a motor transport unit of the 20th Gds Mecz Div, the rocket launcher regiment of the XXVIII Gds Itz Rifle Corps, and the 170th Gds Itz Rifle Regt of the 57th Gds Itz Rifle Div.

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(4) _____ a tank firing range there in May 1951. _____ No permanent AA gun emplacements have been reported there to date. The vehicles mentioned in the present report have been previously observed in Weimar and indicate that the troops belong to the 13th AAA Div.

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(5) Stifterstrasse is located on the northeastern edge of the Lobstedt Kaserne, Jena.

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